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Q1

Candidate Name

Muhammad Nisar Ul Murtaza

Q2

North East Ward

Contesting Which Moreland Ward?

Q3

Independent

Are you a candidate for a political party? Which Party?
Or are you standing as an Independent candidate?

Q4

If you are receiving campaign funding for this election, who are you receiving funding from? (list all or state 'None')

None

Q5

North East Ward

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

Q6

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

I am a volunteer / unpaid carer in

North East Ward

I am a community advocate in

North East Ward

Q7

Triple bottom line accounting brings to account three domains that we need for a good life. They are economic, environmental and social which includes health. Do you commit as a Councillor for Council to use triple bottom line accounting on all Council infrastructure projects and will you try to ensure that climate emergency is embedded in every Manager's performance plan?

(no label)

Agree Strongly

Q8

Transport: Upfield Rail Upgrade - Problems with parking and traffic congestion, capacity issues of public transport (once the pandemic passes) necessitate solutions for upgrading the Upfield Line. According to Infrastructure Australia, the northern region Transport Corridor will reach and exceed capacity in the next decade. Will you support duplication and extension of the Upfield rail line to Craigieburn and Wallan for provision of a more reliable and frequent rail service catering for the growing population in Moreland and residents in new growth suburbs further north?

(no label)

Strongly Agree

Q9

Transport: Tram Network Extension: As a Councillor will you support ongoing advocacy for the Victorian State Government to extend the No 58 West Coburg Tram along Derby street in Pascoe Vale, and No 19 North Coburg tram routes further north along Sydney Road to Campbellfield?

(no label)

Strongly Agree

Q10

Transport: Mode shift - What actions will you be pushing for to facilitate a mode shift to more sustainable modes of transport in Moreland as part of, or beyond, Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS), including changes to parking restrictions, increasing public transport advocacy, cycling and walking infrastructure?

As sustainability has three main components and sustainable transport balances our current and future needs, it is need of time to promote positive active transport culture (without significant capital investment). It could be done by following different ways :

1. Make public transport more cost effective
 2. Provide discount bike share
 3. Advocate for sustainable transport infrastructure in neighbourhood houses.
 4. Encourage businesses and employers to play their role in creating the incentives and infrastructures to encourage employees to engage in sustainable community.
- Disincentive driving.
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Q11

Heat Vulnerability: Large sections of Moreland's north are at the extreme end of the Heat Vulnerability Index, meaning residents are very susceptible to global warming. What will you do to address this beyond existing policies, including Moreland Urban Heat Island Effect Action Plan (Word Doc 48MB), Moreland Urban Forest Strategy 2017-2017 (PDF 9MB), Cooling the Upfield Corridor Action Plan?

Advocate:

- Use of sustainable energies to replace use of fossil fuels energies contributing towards reduced carbon footprints.
 - Promote green infrastructures.
 - Preserve our green reserves
 - Advocate to businesses and community facing organisations to promote green infrastructures i.e. car parks
 - Promote awareness to achieve zero carbon evolution.
 - Advocate and collaborate with VicRoads and department of transport to help reduce road congestions
 - Encourage residents to increase outdoor landscaping such as green roofs and walls.
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Q12

Waste Management. Moreland aims to be a leading council in sustainable waste management, yet its rate of diverting waste to organics and recycling sits just above the state average. What will you do to help Moreland in the rollout of the Food and Garden Organics Collection Service, and achieve Moreland's 2030 zero waste to landfill target as part of Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0?

Being a Moreland resident and community worker I came to know the facts that a significant number of household don't know or don't care about putting recycle material and rubbish in right bins. So as a first step there is need to promote awareness about using right bin type. Secondly, this process needs to be actively monitors which could be done random inspections of bins and issuing warning to household to use right type of bin. There are other ways I can advocate/promote:

- Composting and vermicomposting (Biological processing of plants)
 - Waste to energy conversion option
 - Thermal treatment of waste (incineration)
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Q13

Energy Efficiency and Renewables. Moreland has a goal of "Efficient and 100% renewably powered energy". Yet Moreland has one of Victoria's lowest uptake of solar PV. How can Moreland "walk the talk" on renewable energy and meet the community goals set in the Zero Carbon Moreland – Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020/21 – 2024/25?

I have the privileged to be part of team who established a solar academy 10 years ago in Islamabad in collaboration with German Solar. There is an urgent need to provide awareness and organise information session on blessings of renewable energies(including solar energy). I hold master degree in Science specialized in electronics and completed many electronic projects using solar panels. I am father of three high school going boys and during these school holidays we will be spending time to build a solar powered car model.

It is also very important that we educate our youth on usefulness of renewable energies. Solar rebate is also very helpful for households to shift from fusing fossil energy to solar energy. I elected I will be great advocate for this cause.

Q14

Pollution and litter: How will you educate and incentivise business in industrial zones (especially in the North East Ward) to avoid pollution and litter from entering our drains and our creek systems?

Providing alternatives, working collaboratively and providing awareness on these issues can contribute to solve these problems. I would like to promote strong sense of community's health and safety and will be advocating to develop Moreland's collaborative relationships with businesses to promote culture of health and safety and to minimize effects of pollution and littering. There is an option of providing small grants to businesses for modifications in their systems to reduce pollution and littering.

Q15

Supporting business and the environment as part of Covid RecoveryWhat actions will you take to help Council promote environmentally sustainable jobs as part of a Covid recovery such as by possible development of large abandoned sites for a sustainability hub (such as former Kangan TAFE automotive campus)? How else will you advocate for supporting small business Covid recovery that includes environmental co-benefits?

I will advocate for providing small business grants to businesses as part of COVID recovery. There are resources and other organisation available to guide business to cope with these unprecedented circumstances. Moreland can collaborate with Small Business Victoria (SBV), Fair Works Ombudsman (FWO) and Australian taxation office (ATO) for smooth recovery of businesses and to face post COVID-19 challenges.

Q16

Food SecurityHow would you address food security in Moreland beyond the existing Moreland Food System Strategy? (including as a part of the clean Covid recovery)?

- I will promote innovative ideas related to community gardens, community kitchens, farmers' markets, food co-ops, "buy local" campaigns, and food buying clubs.
- Provide awareness to reduce food waste.
- Promotion of local food reserves
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Food Security. The IPCC Special Report on Land and Climate Change Summary for Policy makers (2020) articulates major emissions reduction can be achieved from adopting a primarily plant based diet (B6.2). Will you advocate for public health policies that promote proper nutrition and dietary change by Moreland residents as per the IPCC (C2.4)?

Q18

Buildings, Biodiversity and Urban cooling: What would you do as a Councillor to ensure that with new building developments, Moreland has sufficient vegetation cover to contribute to biodiversity outcomes and urban cooling beyond existing policies in the Urban Forest Strategy, Moreland Nature Plan, and the Achieving Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0 project?

- Promote benefits of building greener walls and roof.
- Preserve our green reserves
- Collaborate with community facing organisations and businesses to promote biodiversity and greener buildings.

Q19

Cement Emissions. Use of Portland Cement contributes to 8% of global emissions. Alternative low emissions/zero emission cement products are available at reasonably competitive rates. Will you commit to amending Moreland Council Procurement policy sustainability filter to purchase low carbon/zero emissions cement/concrete products?

(no label)

Strongly Agree

Q20

Climate Citizen Assemblies: Under the new Local Government Act 2020 (community engagement policy), all councils in Victoria are required to use deliberative practices for the development of their Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan and Asset Plan, at the bare minimum. The gold standard of this kind of democratic, deliberative practice is a Citizens' Assembly. So, will you support such a democratic framework for Council's climate emergency response by establishing a Citizens' Assembly?

(no label)

Strongly Agree

Q21

What are your top four priorities for the Council Plan to be formulated for 2021-2025.

Priority 1	Affordable Housing
Priority 2	Social Harmony and promoting culture of respect
Priority 3	Response to climate change
Priority 4	Sustainable public transport and accessible spaces.

Q22

Do you have any other comments on Council Climate Leadership and Advocacy (include any actions you have taken on this)? Do you have any supplementary comments relating to the questions above, comments on other issues related to climate change not covered, or comments on climate change generally?

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